

## SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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Stay tuned for more detail on these and other news items. Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office, which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

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You are listening to ZS6SRL and the news follows in detail

YOUTH FOR AMATEUR RADIO EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS

Youth Day took on a new meaning for many young people who attended the various Youth for Amateur Radio events arranged by the SARL and associated clubs around South Africa. "While it was a disappointment for many that President Thabo Mbeki could not make his debut on Amateur Radio due to unprecedented demand on his time as a result of happenings in Parliament earlier last week, Mark Shuttleworth was a great hit and wooed both young and old", SARL President Graham Hartlett said. Mark spent an hour on the SARL Youth Day network and inspired young and old with his answers to the many questions posed.

“For many, Amateur Radio was an eye opener”, Graham said. The event at Sci- Bona was well attended by learners from various schools as far as the Vaal triangle.

Two schools, KwaSanti in Pinetown and Khanyolwethu in the Strand which are part of the Department of Communication Kopanang project, participated in the event. Officials from the Department of Communications who visited the Sci-Bona Discovery Centre could not believe the enthusiasm for Amateur Radio displayed by the Youth.

“I would like to thank all amateurs and clubs who participated and made Youth for Amateur Radio such a great success”, Graham said. “I invite you all to participate in this evening’s President net and share your experiences.”

The President net is on the air this evening, Sunday 19 June 2005 at 19:00.

#### FUTURE OF COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY TO BE DISCUSSED ON INTECNET

This evening Ian Pearson, the Chief Futurologist of British Telecom will be the guest on the INTECNET on the air at 20:00. Ian Pearson recently delivered the keynote address at Futurex 2005 and was a guest on Radio 702. His views on where communication is going in the next 20 years are overwhelming and worth taking note of.

Clubs wishing to connect their repeater to the teleconference network for the President Net and Intecnet should send an email to [armi@sarl.org.za](mailto:armi@sarl.org.za) before noon today, giving details of the telephone number to be connected and the frequencies on which they will be relaying the net. By courtesy of the Magalies Radio Amateur Club both nets will be streamed on the Internet, go to [www.zs6mrk.org](http://www.zs6mrk.org) and follow the links.

Here follows 2 items condensed from this weekend’s ARRL letter:

#### US SENATE VERSION OF AMATEUR RADIO SPECTRUM PROTECTION ACT OF 2005 INTRODUCED

Senator Crapo recently sponsored the introduced the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2005 in the US Senate and this is what David Sumner, K1ZZ, the CEO of the ARRL said: “His sponsorship of this bill shows his appreciation for the value and utility of Amateur Radio to the US public, especially in times of emergency.”

Like previous versions of the proposal, the House and Senate measures would require the FCC to provide “equivalent replacement spectrum” to the Amateur Radio and Amateur-Satellite services in the event of reallocation to other services of primary amateur spectrum or the diminution of secondary amateur spectrum. The bill also would cover additional allocations within Amateur Radio bands that “would substantially reduce” their utility to Amateur Service licensees.

In a letter this week, ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, also thanked Crapo for his continued support of the Spectrum Protection Act. “As you know, this legislation is vital for ensuring that the Amateur Radio Service, the only 100 percent fail-safe emergency communication capability, remains a viable public safety option,”

We here can really take note of this forward step to safeguard the amateur radio service in the US more strongly. We should all work together, in where there may still be shortcomings, towards achieving the same goal here. That we can do by all radio amateurs joining the SARL.

RILEY HOLLINGSWORTH: “GET INVOLVED IN THE GOOD THINGS IN AMATEUR RADIO!”

FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth told the Dayton Hamvention FCC Forum May 21 “all you need to know to enhance your radio service—in one simple lesson.” Drawing upon his nearly seven years experience as the FCC’s Amateur Radio enforcement point man, Hollingsworth told his audience “what I personally think you need to do to make the Amateur Radio Service thrive and to enjoy the incredible opportunity” to have fun and engage in public service activities.

He advised hams to avoid ugly on-the-air situations and confrontations. “Just use the VFO and go somewhere else,” he said.

On the other hand, enthusiasm and happiness on ham radio are contagious, Hollingsworth asserted, and amateur licensees themselves are responsible for creating and maintaining a hospitable operating environment. Among the good things going on in ham radio, Hollingsworth elicited a round of applause by singling out Pennsylvania teacher Sean Barnes, N3JQ, whose classes have helped 60 youngsters to obtain Amateur Radio licensees over the past three years.

His final admonishment: Good amateur practice means “not operating so that whoever hears you becomes sorry they ever got interested in Amateur Radio in the first place.” He urged hams to look to the future and “get involved in the good things in Amateur Radio” and spread the word among to acquaint the public and even legislators, lawmakers and government officials.

“It’s not about enforcement. It’s about your obligation,” he said. Enforcement can’t cure all Amateur Radio’s ills. “It’s all about you and what you’re doing with [Amateur Radio],” he concluded. “Look beyond enforcement.”

#### APOLOGY

In last week’s bulletin the following words appeared in the item LISTEN TO AMATEUR RADIO WITHOUT A RADIO: “the SARL and radio amateurs using the MRK repeater should ‘come out behind the door’ and be seen”. It is possible that readers could have interpreted it as an accusation that the SARL “is standing behind the door”. It was not so intended. In fact the SARL is doing a lot to come into the eye of the public as for instance proved by the activities on

Youth Day. For any misunderstanding I, George, ZS6NE, as chairman of MRK and editor of SARLNEWS, I offer my apologies, it went through unheeded.

#### SOUTHERN AFRICAN PSK CONTEST

Next Sunday, 26 June 2005, the Lichtenberg ARC will host the first Southern African PSK Contest. The contest is open to all radio amateurs in the Southern African region and will run from 13:00 UTC until 16:00 UTC with PSK activity on 80, 40 and 20 metres.

There are two categories, single operator, all band, high power (21 to 100 watts) and single operator, all band, low power (20 watts or less). The exchange is RST and a serial number. Contacts with a station in the same call area counts 1 point, contacts with a station in a different call area counts 3 points and a DX contact counts 0.5 points. Log sheets must be submitted within 14 days after the contest and can be sent by snail mail to LARC, PO Box 410, Lichtenberg, 2740.

#### BARC 40 METRE CONTEST

On Sunday 24 July 2005, the Boland Amateur Radio Club will run the BARC 40-Metre Contest. It is a phone contest only on the 40-metre band, running from 15:00 to 18:00 CAT.

#### GAUTENG AREA 2 m FM QSO PARTY

Today, Sunday 19 June is the closing date for your logs for the Gauteng area 2m FM QSO party. Logs can be sent by email to [sander@lantic.net](mailto:sander@lantic.net) or per snail mail to the Pretoria Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 73696, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040. The results will be published by the first week in July.

#### AWA CW NET

The Antique Wireless Association extends an invitation to all who are interested in using CW to communicate, to join the Antique Wireless Association's CW net on Saturday afternoons at 14:00 on 7020 kHz.

#### PROPAGATION REPORT

Kobus, ZS6KOB reports as predicted, the sun spot number decreased over the past week to a level of 44,7 on Thursday compared to 70,6 in the previous week. There has been almost no sun activity, only a few spots on the surface of the sun. On Sunday 19 June there may be moderate conditions. It is expected that the sun spot number will be relatively stable in the coming week. Weak conditions are predicted for the week.

#### DIARY OF EVENTS

Tonight at 19:00 and 20:00 the President's net and Intechnet; 26 June - Southern African PSK Contest; 24 July - Boland ARC 40-metre Contest; 20 August - SARL Technology Open Day.

The SARL invites you to listen today at 10:00 to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 565, 7 205, and 7 082 kHz and many 2 m repeaters in different areas. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

Telkom and Sentech sponsor ARMI.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by Dennis, ZS4BS, and read by .....from..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL and thank you for having joined us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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